



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and

WHEREAS, Deaf-blindness is one of the most severe of all disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Louisiana to encourage the full participation of Americans with multi-sensory disabilities in our economy by fostering employment of, and promoting housing and recreational options for people who are deaf-blind, thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice; and

WHEREAS, today, people with dual-sensory loss should have options to choose their preferred lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind, or severely vision and hearing impaired, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement for other individuals who are deaf-blind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 27- July 3, 2004, as

Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph S. Keith
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 25th day of June
A.D., 2004.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana